our value added exports of mica paper and mica based insulaiing materials (which use mica scrap) competitive in the international market. As regards, the suggestion for decanalisation of processed mica, already 50 per cent of the export orders are allowed to be executed by private exporters.

Chakma and other Refugees in Various Camps of Tripura

1010. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Chakma and other tribal *and* non-tribal refugees at present in the various refugee camps of Tripura;

(b) whether the number is on the increase;

(c) whether the Tripura Government has expressed its concern in this regard;

(d) whether additional relief measures have been taken to provide accommodation, medical aid, drinking water and educational facilities to the children of the refugees;

(e) if so, what is the expenditure incurred on these camps during the last financial year; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the burden of refugees has created economic problems for the local population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) As on 13-7-89. 66407 refugees from Bangladesh were staying in the camps set up for them in Tripura. The influx is still continuing.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The Government of India had released an amount of Rs. 462.6S6 lakhs to the Government of Tripura for the maintenance of these refugees, during the year 1988-89.

Bangaladeshi nationals entering Tripura

1011. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of Bangladeshi nationals are entering Tripura and are also security false citizenship cards and that many of them have enrolled their names in the voters list of 1989; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to prevent such illegal entry?

THE[1] MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There have been some reports which suggest that some Bangladeshi Nationals are trying to settle inside Tripura with the help of their relatives in the State. They were reportedly trying to get either citizenship certificates or enrol themselves in the voters list of the State.

(b) The State Government has decided to issue pass books to the land owners in the bordering villages to stop sale of lands to unauthorised infiltrators. It has also been decided to conduct strict verification before issuing any citizenship certificates. Police have been instructed to make special efforts to arrest miscreants involved in issuing false 'citizership certificates. Vigil on the border has been increased to check the illegal entry of Bangladeshi nationals.